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## **PHOTOGRAPHY AND REPURPOSED ART FEATURED AT BEAVERTON CITY HALL THROUGH MARCH**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Through March, the Beaverton Arts Commission (BAC) will feature works by Bob Sorkin and Janet Ronacher. The artworks can be found on all three floors of Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive).

“The photography captures many stories,” said Mayor Denny Doyle, “while the creative use of repurposed materials is impressive—both exhibits offer a distinctive way of interpreting our world.”

**First and Second Floors:** Sorkin was introduced to photography as a teen. He spent 30 years as a soldier and teacher before finally pursuing his passion for photography and travel. Now retired, he travels the world capturing stories through the lens of his camera. For more information, please visit [www.FocalPlainImages.com](http://www.FocalPlainImages.com).

**Third Floor:** Ronacher combines natural materials with items that are unwanted or obsolete. She weaves, knits or crochets her unique pieces. Recently, she began incorporating plastic bags, packaging and newspaper sleeves into her work. Her goal is to keep those materials out of the landfill and water ways. For more information, please visit [www.FiberDesignsbyJanet.com](http://www.FiberDesignsbyJanet.com).

Beaverton City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All artworks are for sale.

The Beaverton Arts Commission also has revolving art exhibits at Providence St. Vincent Hospital (9205 Southwest Barnes Road), Cedar Hills Recreation Center (11640 SW Park Way), Progress Ridge New Seasons (14805 SW Barrows Road), and the Artisan Salon (4430 SW Lombard Avenue). For more information, please contact Elaine Orcutt at 503-526-2299 or [eorcutt@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:eorcutt@BeavertonOregon.gov).

The BAC contributes significantly to the quality of life in Beaverton by presenting artistic and cultural events that celebrate community values and help connect residents to their artistic and cultural heritage. The BAC presents annual events such as Last Tuesdays, the Visual

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Arts Showcase and Ten Tiny Dances. In addition, the BAC leads public art projects, including Beaverton's mural program. For more information about the Beaverton Arts Commission, visit [www.BeavertonArts.org](http://www.BeavertonArts.org), call 503-526-2288 or the event information line at 503-526-2379.

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. Most recently, the city was awarded the **2012 Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov) or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton](http://www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton).

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